

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for generating a comparison of related subject matter found in two different financial documents, the apparatus comprising:

a first document with at least a portion of said first document comprising first-document tabular numerical data in a tabular data format;

a second document with at least a portion of said second document comprising second-document tabular numerical data in a tabular data format, said second document being a variation of said first document;

a processor for receiving said first-document and said second-document; ~~and~~

a comparator ~~executing on~~ comprised in said processor for comparing said first-document tabular numerical data to related ~~subject matter of said~~ second-document tabular numerical data to generate numerical tabular delta data indicative of at least one of a difference change and a percentage change between the related ~~subject matter of said~~ first-document tabular numerical data and second-document tabular numerical data, the numerical tabular delta data being numerically different in amount from the related first-document tabular numerical data and second-document tabular numerical data; and

a transmitter for transmitting the numerical tabular data from the comparator.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a user interface in communication with the transmitter of said processor for displaying ~~delivering at least one of~~ said ~~tabular data and~~ numerical tabular delta data.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said numerical tabular delta data is displayed ~~delivered~~ on said user interface as visually distinct from said ~~tabular data~~ first-document tabular numerical data and said second-document tabular numerical data.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the numerical tabular delta data indicate both a difference and a percentage change between the first-document tabular numerical data and the second-document tabular numerical data, and wherein said visually distinct numerical tabular delta data for the difference change between the said first-document tabular numerical data and the said second-document tabular numerical data is represented in a first

manner and the percentage change between the said first-document tabular numerical data and said the second-document tabular numerical data is represented in a second manner.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein there is a plurality of said visually distinct numerical tabular delta data.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said numerical tabular delta data displayed delivered on said user interface is chronicled by at least one of numeric, alphabetic, alphanumeric, and consecutive sequence units.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein the numerical tabular delta data indicates both a difference and a percentage change between the first-document tabular numerical data and the second-document tabular numerical data, and wherein said comparator inserts into said numerical tabular delta data a graphic indicating a indicative of change magnitude for each difference change and percentage change between related subject matter of said the first-document tabular numerical data and said the second-document tabular numerical data.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 7 wherein said graphic is comprised of at least one of graphs, charts, statistics, and images.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on at least one of tables, graphs, columns, rows, time units, idea units, and line items.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said first document further comprises first-document tabular text data and said second document further comprises second-document tabular text data both contain data; in a text format

and wherein said comparator compares said first-document text/tabular tabular text and tabular numerical data to related subject matter of said second-document text/tabular tabular text and tabular numerical data to generate text/tabular text/numerical tabular delta data.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said text/tabular text/numerical tabular delta data includes at least one of additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11 further comprising a user interface in communication with said processor for delivering at least one of said additions data, deletions data, substitutions data, and text/tabular data.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~12~~ 10, further comprising a user interface in communication with said processor for displaying additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data, wherein said additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data is each displayed ~~delivered~~ on said user interface as visually distinct from said first-document tabular text and tabular numerical data and said second-document tabular text and tabular numerical data ~~text/tabular data~~.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said visually distinct additions data is represented in a third manner, deletions data is represented in a fourth manner, and substitutions data is represented in a fifth manner.

15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said at least one of additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data are chronicled on said user interface by at least one of numeric, alphabetic, alphanumeric, and consecutive sequence units.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document ~~text/tabular~~ tabular text and tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document ~~text/tabular~~ tabular text and tabular numerical data based on at least one of words, sentences, paragraphs, pages, columns, rows, headers, idea units, and line items.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein said comparator integrates at least two of said numerical tabular delta data, ~~text/tabular~~ numerical and text tabular delta data, tabular numerical data, tabular text data and ~~text/tabular~~ text and numerical data for display ~~delivery~~ on said user interface.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said first document further comprises first-document text data and said second document further comprises second-document text data ~~in a text format~~ and said comparator separates said first-document text data from said first-document tabular numerical data ~~in said first document~~ and said second-

document text data from said second-document tabular numerical data prior to comparing ~~comparison of~~ said first document to said second document.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein said comparator compares said first-document text data to related ~~subject matter of said~~ second-document text data to generate text delta data.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19 wherein said text delta data includes at least one of additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data.

21. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20 further comprising a user interface in communication with said processor for displaying ~~delivering~~ at least one of said additions data, deletions data, substitutions data, and text.

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21 wherein said at least one of said additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data is ~~each delivered~~ displayed on said user interface as visually distinct from said first-document text data and said second-document text data ~~text~~.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 22 wherein said visually distinct additions data is represented in a third manner, deletions data is represented in a fourth manner, and substitutions data is represented in a fifth manner.

24. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 20 wherein said at least one of additions data, deletions data, and substitutions data are chronicled on said user interface by at least one of numeric, alphabetic, alphanumeric, and consecutive sequence units.

25. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document text data with ~~sections~~ related subject matter sections of said second-document text data based on at least one of words, sentences, paragraphs, pages, columns, rows, headers, idea units, and line items.

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 18 wherein said comparator integrates at least two of said numerical tabular delta data, text delta data, first-document tabular numerical

data, second-document tabular numerical data, first-document text data and second-document text data for display and text for delivery on said user interface.

27. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 26 wherein said comparator ~~also~~ further integrates in at least one of text/tabular data and ~~text/tabular~~ text/numerical delta data for delivery on said user interface.

28. (Currently Amended) A system for generating a comparison of related subject matter found in two different financial documents, the system comprising:

a first document with at least a portion of said first document in a first-document tabular data format;

a second document with at least a portion of said second document in a second-document tabular data format, said second document being a variation of said first document; and

a processor for receiving said first document and said second document and computer executable instructions executing on said processor for comparing said first document portion tabular data to related numerical subject matter of said second document portion tabular data to generate numerical tabular delta data indicating ~~indicative of~~ at least one of a difference change and a percentage change between the related subject matter of said first document portion tabular data and said second document portion tabular data, the numerical tabular delta data being numerically different in amount from the first document portion and the second document portion; and

an output device for outputting the numerical tabular delta data from the processor.

29. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a comparison of related subject matter found in two different financial documents, the method comprising:

providing a first document with at least a portion of said first document in a first-document tabular data format;

providing a second document with at least a portion of said second document in a second-document tabular data format, said second document being a variation of said first document;

receiving said first document and said second document into a processor; ~~and~~

comparing in said processor said first document portion tabular data to related subject matter of said second document portion tabular data to generate numerical tabular delta data indicating indicative of at least one of change a numerical difference amount and a percentage change between the related subject matter of said first document portion tabular data and said second document portion tabular data, the numerical tabular delta data being numerically different in amount from the corresponding first document portion and said second document portion; and

outputting the mathematical tabular delta data.

30. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on graphs.
31. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on columns.
32. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on rows.
33. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on time units.
34. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on idea units.
35. (New) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said comparator compares sections of said first-document tabular numerical data with related subject matter sections of said second-document tabular numerical data based on line items.
36. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the numerical tabular delta data indicates change between the related subject matter of said first-document tabular numerical data

and said second-document tabular numerical data, and wherein the change comprises a mathematical difference amount.

37. (New) The apparatus of claim 36, wherein the mathematical difference amount comprises a subtraction amount between the first-document tabular numerical data and the second-document tabular numerical data.

38. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the numerical tabular delta data is a percentage change between the first-document tabular numerical data and the second-document tabular numerical data.

39. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first-document tabular numerical data and the second-document tabular numerical data are related financial metric data.

40. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first-document tabular numerical data the related second-document tabular numerical data each comprise financial information relating to the same company.

41. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first-document tabular numerical data the related second-document tabular numerical data each comprise financial information relating to the same security or securities.